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ROC (Taiwan) Patent Publication No. 386310, published April 1, 2000.

SUMMARY

Discloses a method of manufacturing a micro inductor. In the method, a substrate is provided and an insulating layer, a first metal layer, a first dielectric layer, a barrier layer, a second metal layer, an anti-reflective layer, a second dielectric layer, a third metal layer, a third dielectric layer and a passivation layer are formed in sequence on the substrate. In addition, the method comprises a step of forming a high ferro-magnetic material layer inside a micro channel by electroplating using the barrier layer as an electrode, thereby increasing the quality factor and efficiency of an inductor.

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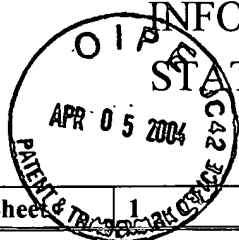
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